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509TH RR GP

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POSSIBLE COMPROMISE DUE TO LOSS OF RU-1 "CAFE GIRL"

AIRCRAFT

REF 224TH AVNBN MSG 121530Z, IAPV 224/S2 9043/3055 AND

146TH AVN CO (RR), ROI - 12 FEB 69, 509TH RR GP CONTROL

NO. SCC - 1174-69. NO FURTHER NSA ACTION REQUIRED. CASE

CLOSED.

I WISH TO PERSONALLY THANK ALL OF THE ASA PERSONNEL WHO

WERE INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THE MESSAGES ADVISING ME OF

THE STATUS OF THE CASE WERE TIMELY AND THE FINAL REPORTING

OF PERTINENT DETAILS WAS EXCELLENT. I PARTICULARLY WISH

TO CONGRATULATE THE FOUR US ASA PERSONNEL DIRECTLY INVOLVED

IN THE INCIDENT, MAJ QUERIN E. HERLICK, CWO LAIRD P.

OSBURN, SP5 JOHN B. FISCHER AND SP5 ROBERT PRYOR FOR THE

SUPERIOR MANNER IN WHICH THEY CONDUCTED THEMSELVES BOTH

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PRIOR TO AND AFTER CAPTURE BY THE VIET CONG AND DURING
 LATER DETENTION BY THE CAMBODIANS. THEIR ALERT ACTIONS
 ARE A CREDIT TO THE USASA AND TO THE 509TH RR GP.

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<p>M/R: On 12 Feb 1969, CGUSASA reported that a United States Army RU-1 "Cafe Girl" aircraft of the 146th RRCO had been shot down by the Viet Cong in Cambodia. The aircraft carried COMINT and cryptographic materials along with four COMINT cleared crewmen. Documents and equipment were classified and ranged from Confidential to Secret Codeword. Investigation revealed that the classified material was placed in a green mission bag and thrown into the burning aircraft flames and in all probability was destroyed. The four ASA crewmen Maj Herlick, CWO Osburn, SP5 Fischer and SP5 Pryor were captured by the Viet Cong and eventually handed over to the Cambodians. Prior to capture, they defended themselves until surrounded. It is believed that the enemy lost nine personnel in this action. When captured they used a cover story indicating that they were flying the airplane on a cargo run to Tay Ninh which apparently was believed by the Viet Cong and Cambodians. In all probability, no compromise occurred and the four ASA crewmen are now back in US control. No further NSA action is required and Case 51.6-2217 is closed. Because the four ASA personnel conducted themselves in such a conscientious manner, the Director, NSA has personally commended their action. The final report of this possible compromise was forwarded to USIB on 17 Apr 1969, NSA Serial: N 0353. Content of this message was coordinated with Mr. Parry, D12. Statement preceding DIRNSA's congratulations constitutes standard M5 case closing terminology.</p>			DISTRIBUTION DIR D/DIR ADP ADPM D1/PIO D12 D33 B B04 B6 B604 P04 M5 M55 S131 ASALNGP/FM
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